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SUBJECT: NPT TRI-PARTITE CONSULTATIONS; AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE  
CONVENTION

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1. SUMMARY: UK EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY WILL SUGGEST TO THE SOVIETS THAT THE TRI-PARTITE CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE BE HELD IN LONDON DURING WEEK OF MARCH 17. THE UK EMBASSY HAS ALSO TOLD US THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE SUGGESTED TO ACDA THAT THE DEPOSITION CEREMONY FOR THE BIOLOGICAL WARFARE CONVENTION BE HELD WITH SUMMIT-LEVEL PARTICIPATION IN THE RESPECTIVE CAPITALS. IF MFA CONFIRMS THIS SUGGESTION, THE UK WILL INFORM THE SOVIETS THAT THEY HAVE NO OBJECTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. UK HEAD OF CHANCERY MALLABY TOLD US THAT DURING THE WILSON VISIT GROMYKO HAD SUGGESTED TO CALLAGHAN THAT  
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THE SOVIETS AND UK CONSULT BILATERALLY PRIOR TO THE NPT

REVIEW CONFERENCE ON MAY 5. CALLAGHAN WELCOMED THE IDEA BUT SUGGESTED THAT THE US BE INCLUDED. ON FEBRUARY 26 ISRAELYAN APPROACHED THE HEAD OF THE UK MISSION AT IAEA IN VIENNA, AS DESCRIBED REFTEL, AND SUGGESTED CONSULTATIONS IN LONDON IN MID-MARCH.

3. MALLABY SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN INFORMED FROM WASHINGTON THAT ACDA HAS ACCEPTED THE IDEA OF CONSULTATIONS IN LONDON AND HAS SUGGESTED APRIL 10-11 AS A DATE. HOWEVER, THE BRITISH HAVE NOW CONCLUDED THAT BECAUSE OF THE SUBJECT MATTER THE CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BEGIN WITH SOME URGENCY AND HAVE THEREFORE, ACCORDING TO MALLABY, TOLD ACDA AN EARLIER DATE FOR THE MEETING SHOULD BE AGREED UPON.

4. MALLABY IS SEEING TIMERBAYEV (DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, MFA) ON MARCH 5 TO INFORM HIM THAT THE UK SUGGESTS LONDON AS SITE OF THE MEETING SOME TIME DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 17. HE WILL ASK TIMERBAYEV IF THE SOVIETS THINK THAT THE UK IDEA OF A PNE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING THE PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS. (MALLABY INDICATED THAT ISRAELYAN HAD ALREADY MADE CLEAR LACK OF SOVIET INTEREST IN THIS PROPOSAL AND MALLABY THEREFORE EXPECTS TO GET THE COLD SHOULDER). MALLABY WILL ALSO, ON HIS PERSONAL INITIATIVE, SUGGEST IN ADDITION TO THE LONDON CONSULTATIONS THE POSSIBILITY OF A LAST MINUTE MEETING IN GENEVA JUST BEFORE MAY 5.

5. FYI, NO APPROACH (OTHER THAN MOROKHOV'S MARCH 4 (REF B)) HAS BEEN MADE TO US ON THIS QUESTION, ISRAELYAN'S CLAIM (REFTEL A) NOTWITHSTANDING. END FYI.

6. MALLABY ALSO SAID THAT ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION ACDA HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY A (UNNAMED) SOVIET MINISTER IN WASHINGTON WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT THE DEPOSITION CEREMONY FOR THE BIOLOGICAL WARFARE CONVENTION BE HELD "AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL." MALLABY SAYS THAT THE UK HAS NOT BEEN APPROACHED DIRECTLY ON THIS AS YET, AND HE INTENDS TO ASK TIMERBAYEV WHAT THE LATEST SOVIET THINKING IS IN THIS REGARD. IF ASKED, HE WILL INFORM TIMERBAYEV THAT THE UK WILL NOT LIMIT THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IF THE US AND USSR

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